

House Resolution No. 2340

Whereas, it is with genuine pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exceptional citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Vera K. Vieman has been a proud, involved supporter of the city of Bourbon since her birth on December 30, 1901; and

Whereas, Vera Vieman recently celebrated her One Hundred Second birthday in a life which has been devoted to a deep faith in God, a true love for her family and friends, and an appreciation for the beauty of nature and the changing seasons; and

Whereas, in addition to a special love for horses, Vera Vieman has dedicated a tremendous amount of her time and energy to fulfilling the words and thoughts found in the old hymn, "Look for the Beautiful," in all of her daily activities; and

Whereas, the beloved daughter of Henry and Amelia Kappelmann, Vera Vieman developed and maintained an exceptional reputation as the loving spouse of Ralph W. Vieman; the wonderful mother of Jane Siebenman, John Vieman, Judith Sites, and Janet Sappington; the devoted grandmother of eleven children; and the great-grandmother of twenty more; and

Whereas, a schoolteacher during her early adult life, Vera Vieman has been a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church, where she served as a choir director, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and officer of various organizations and committees; a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Sullivan Chapter #105, which she joined on April 6, 1922; a member of the Bourbon Boosters, which crowned her "Ms. Bourbon" at the annual Fall Festival, "Ms. Congeniality," and Citizen of the Year; and a Grand Marshall for the Bourbon Fall Festival; and

Whereas, Vera Vieman is an active member of a Bingo Club that meets each month, and she is a very special presence in the lives of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed by Vera Vieman and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt belated "Happy Birthday" as she celebrates one hundred two wonderful years on this earth in her beloved community of Bourbon; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Vera K. Vieman of Bourbon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles Schlottach
District No. 111

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2340, adopted April 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker